



TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

BLM GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE

What is Travel and Transportation Management?

Travel and transportation management is the process of planning for, managing access and transportation systems on public land. The Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) will be using a holistic approach that provides clear direction for access and recreation opportunities while protecting sensitive resource areas and meeting resource management objectives.

What are the steps of the process?

The GJFO has inventoried roughly 90% of the motorized, mechanized and non-mechanized routes within the 1.2 million acre planning area. This baseline data comprises approximately 3,700 miles of routes.

Data collection meetings will be held in February 2009, to allow the public to review the inventoried routes for accuracy and completeness; comment on existing routes and offer suggestions for re-routes or new trail sections that would complement the existing route system. Field staff will follow-up by ground truthing any inconsistencies, and by the summer of 2009 will have a complete inventory of existing trails and routes for planning purposes.

The BLM's interdisciplinary team will concurrently be developing Resource Management Plan (RMP) alternatives for natural, biological, cultural resources, resource uses and special designations. After these resources issues have been addressed, travel management alternatives (including appropriate travel route systems and designations for motorized, mechanized and non-mechanized uses) will be identified to meet the goals and objectives of the RMP alternatives.

A Draft RMP/Draft EIS will be released and will include the RMP alternatives and accompanying travel management alternatives. The public will then have 90 days to comment.

Public Data Collection Workshops – 4:00 to 7:00 pm

February 10 - Bill Heddles Rec. Center
530 Gunnison River Dr.; Delta

February 11 - Debeque Community Center
381 Minter Ave.; Debeque

February 12 - Collbran Auditorium
102 Main St.; Collbran

February 17 - Gateway Community Center
42700 Highway 141; Gateway

February 18 - Fruita Civic Center, Rotary Room
325 E. Aspen Ave.; Fruita

February 19 - Courtyard Inn, Merlot Room
765 Horizon Dr.; Grand Junction